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Applicant: Mark A. Johnson et al. :
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Box: Non-Fee Amendment
Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Office Action mailed September 24, 2002, has been carefully reviewed and the following response has been made in consequence thereof.

Claims 1-18 are pending in this application. Claims 1-18 are subject to a restriction and/or election requirement.

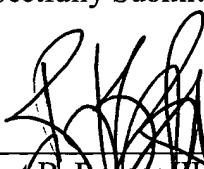
In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants, with traverse, elect for prosecution in this application all claims belonging to Group II as identified by the Examiner. Claims 13-18 appear to belong to the elected group.

The restriction requirement is traversed because the inventions set out by the claims in Groups I and II are clearly related. It is believed that a thorough search and examination of either claim group would be relevant to the examination of the other group. In addition,

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requirements for restriction are not mandatory under 35 U.S.C. Accordingly, reconsideration of the restriction requirement is requested.

Respectfully Submitted,



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